(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इससे कितने किसानों को लाभ पहुंचने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (अरविंद नेताम) :

(क) वर्ष 1990-91 से 1992-93 के दौरान कृषि क्षेत्र को मुहैया की गई राजसहायता का ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :

(करोड़ रुपए में)

मद	1990-91 (वास्तविक)	1991-92 (वास्तविक)	1992-93 (संशोधित)
उर्वरक	4389	5205	5800
विद्युत	725	4401	उपलब्ध नहीं
सिंचाई	3791	4630	उपलब्ध नहीं

राज्यवार ब्यौरे नहीं रखे जा रहे हैं।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) और (घ) कृषि नीति संकल्प के मसौदे में कृषि के लिए उद्योग के समान एक सकारात्मक व्यापार और निवेश का वातावरण तैयार करने की बात निहित है। सरकार की नीति का उद्देश्य एक प्रभावकारी प्रणाली विकसित करना और कृषि को वैसे ही लाभ प्रदान करना होगा जैसे कि "उद्योग" में विद्यमान है। कृषि नीति संकल्प के मसौदे का उद्देश्य कृषि के चहुमुखी विकास को गति प्रदान करना है जिसमें बागवानी, पशुधन, मात्स्यिकी और रेशम उत्पादन शामिल हैं। कृषि नीति संकल्प के मसौदे में समूचे कृषि समुदाय और ग्रामीण लोगों के अन्य वर्गों के कल्याण को भी ध्यान में रखा गया है।

New Varieties of Rice, Wheat and Cotton

3304. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the new varieties of Rice. Wheat and Cotton developed by Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana for the last two years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : Two new varieties each of Rice, Wheat and Cotton and one Cotton hybrid have been developed by the Punjab Agriculture University. Ludhiana during the last two years as detailed below :

Rice :

(1) PR 110—Medium duration quality rice having long slender grains suitable for rice-wheat rotation.

(2) Basmati 385—Short duration cented quality rice with a good export potential.

Wheat

(1) PBW—299—Highly tolerant to the three rust diseases, suitable for rainfed. timely sown conditions of North Wester Plains Zone.

(2) PDW-233—A durum type with resistance to Karnal bunt disease, suitable for irrigated timely sown condition of North Western Plains Zone.

Cotton :

(1) F 864—A *hirsutum* variety with medium staple length with spinning potential of 30 counts, suitable for Cotton-Wheat rotation.

(2) F 1054—Early maturing variety as compared to F 846 with better fibre length.

(3) Fateh (hybrid) A High yielding hybrid from Punjab with good spinning potential.

Problems Affecting Cotton and Tobacco Farmers

3305. SHRI MENTARY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Agriculture Ministry has distanced itself from the problems affecting cotton and tobacco farmers ;

(b) whether it is because other Ministries also claim jurisdiction in this regard ; and

(c) the steps proposed to encourage tabacco and cotton cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Government of India is implementing a non-plan scheme of tobacco under which seeds and seedlings of Virginia Flue Cured Tobacco (VFC) and Bidi Tobacco are produced and distributed to the farmers to encourage the cultivation of tobacco. Similarly, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme to promote the cultivation of cotton. Under the scheme, farmers are supplied essential inputs such as quality seeds, pesticides, sprayers and irrigation sprinklers. Besides, provision has also been made under the scheme for organising field demonstrations and farmers training.

Cost of Fertilizers in Calculating Minimum Support Price

3306. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) while calculating Minimum support Price of Agricultural produce. whether the cost of fertilizers actually paid by the farmers is taken into account ; and

(b) if so, whether the subsidy on the actually goes to the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM : (a) and (b) The minimum support prices are fixed on the basis of the recommendations of Commissions for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), view of State Governments, concerned Central Ministries, etc. While formulating its recommendation on price policy. the CACP considers a number of important factors like cost of production/ cultivation, changes in input prices, input/ output price parity, prices paid and prices received by farmers (Terms of Trade), etc. The cost of fertilisers actually incurred by the farmers is taken into account in computing the cost of cultivation.

Concessions are being allowed on sale of de-controlled phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to all categories of farmers.

Promotion of 'Green Houses' to Boost Agriculture

3307. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to promote 'Green Houses' to boost agriculture production ;

(b) what is the possible increase in production per unit area as compared to the present methods ;

(c) whether the cost of production per units increase by the new method; if so, what is the percentage increase ;

(d) whether the export oriented farms will be allowed partially to the 'Green Houses' and partial present methods ;

(e) what products will be allowed to be produced by hundred per cent export oriented farms ; whether foodgrain producing agri-farms will be allowed 100 per cent export ; and

(f) whether there will be some items which will form negative list in this category; if so, the details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under ideal objection the yield can be 5—13 times higher than in the open field, besides improvement in quality of product.

(c) Yes, Sir. Cost would vary depending upon the type of green and the crop which is to be grown under it.

(d) Yes. Sir.